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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EC ASSISTANCE

1. IN JUNE 28 AIRPORT PRESS INTERVIEW ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON, FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS POSITIVE ATTITUDE DEMONSTRATED BY BRITISH OFFICIALS TOWARD PORTUGAL. ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT NO DEFINITE COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, MELO ANTUNES EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BRITAIN WOULD SUPPORT PORTUGAL'S APPROACH TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOR FINANCIAL AID AND TRADE CONCESSIONS. THIS SUPPORT, HE STATED, SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCES PROSPECTS

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THAT EC JULY MEETING IN BRUSSELS WOULD APPROVE PORTUGAL'S

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

2. OFFICERS AT BRITISH EMBASSY LISBON HAVE REPORTED THAT
LAST WEEK'S VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY LYNCH TO PORTUGAL HAD
BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL. PORTUGUESE REPORTEDLY DEMONSTRATED,
FOR FIRST TIME, GENUINE INTEREST IN DISCUSSING BILATERAL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. NO SPECIFIC PROJECTS WERE APPROVED,
BUT DISCUSSIONS APPARENTLY MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN
DEFINING SEVERAL POSSIBLE BILATERAL PROGRAMS.
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